

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

Applicants : Horst Fischer and Beate Illek  
 Title : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS  
 THERAPY  
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**Prior Application:**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial Number 09/174,077, filed October 16, 1998, now allowed; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial Number 08/951,912, filed October 16, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,972,995.